(c) whether Government have entered into or propose to enter into any trade agreement with Yugoslavia; and

(d) if so, the areas covered by the trade agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. Federation Republic of Yugoslavia has expressed its interest in reviving bilateral trade relations with India.

(b) India is also keen to establish its trade relations with the federal Repbulic of Yugoslavia.

(c) The Government is in the process of negotiating with the FRY (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) Government for entering into a bilateral trade agreement with FRY (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia).

(d) Does not arise, as the Agreement is yet to be negotiated and concluded.

Export of Mango

1511. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of mango exported in 1996 to Europe and the Middle East, country-wise;

(b) whether problems of mango farmers and exporters of Andhra Pradesh have been studied recently by the Agricultural Products Export Development authority;

(c) if so, the result of the study undertaken; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to overcome the problems of mango exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The quantity of mango exported during calendar year 1996 was 25114 MTs.

Country-wise details of exports will be available in the Annual Number of Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India to be published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APED A) has not so far studied the problems of mango farmers and exporters of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not airse; and

(d) Some of the measures adopted to overcome the problems of exporters of horticultural products (including mango) are:—

(i) Supply of quality planting material and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits;

(ii) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;

(iii) Providing financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities;

(iv) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control;

(v) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially the mangoes in overseas markets.

(vi) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.